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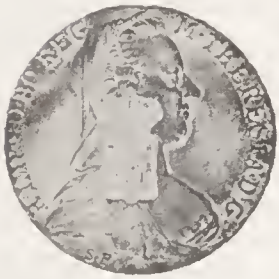

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Also a reminder that TNA News is still running short on articles for publication. We need your help to keep collectors informed on what is happening in numismatics. A great majority of our members live in remote areas and aren't lucky enough to have local clubs and collectors to visit regularly. The knowledge you have may be just what someone else needs to keep going. I invite you to sit down now and put something on paper, you may be surprised how well you do.

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Now that school has started, you have a golden opportunity to visit your local school and present a program on coin collecting. I understand this is getting to be very popular in the East. This is one way to contact juniors and possibly start them in a very worth while hobby.

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COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL . . . .

In 1519, Alfonso Alvarez de Pineda carried out the first mapping of the Gulf of Mexico from the Cape of Florida to the Panuco River, Mexico. The Corpus Christi Jaycees, working with the Franklin Mint of Yeadon, Pennsylvania, have minted a medal commemorating this event, according to Dan Wiley of Liberty Coin Club, Corpus Christi.

The medal was designed by Barbara Rico and sculptured by Richard Baldwin. Medals come in a Franklin bronze finish for $2 or a fine silver proof finish for $10. The silver edition will be limited to 2,000 numbered medals.

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When a group of Texians met in late 1835 and formed the Provisional Government of Texas, they were hard pressed for finances and they knew they were going to have to borrow some money to set up a permanent government so, on December 7, 1835 the Legislative Council of Texas passed an ordinance authorizing the contracting of a loan in the United States of America of One Million Dollars, to be applied and appropriated to the use and benefit of the Government of Texas. A commission was issued to Stephen F. Austin Branch T. Archer and William H. Wharton, Citizens of Texas by Henry Smith, Governor of Texas to secure the loan.

In early January of 1836, the Commission went to New Orleans and managed to have some agree to make a loan to the Provisional Government of Texas.

An agreement was drawn up and the First Article read "The said parties of the second part have contracted and agreed, and by these present do severally but not jointly, contract and agree to make a loan to the people or Government of Texas to the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, in the following portions, to wit:

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Ten percent of the above was to be paid to the agents as the first installment with an interest rate of eight percent. The leaders could select their land at the end of each year at fifty cents per acre."

The agreement was drawn up and signed by all the names mentioned above and signed by Notary Public William Christy, in the city of New Orleans on January 11 1836.

For their loan, the Government of Texas printed and issued the "Texian Loan" calling for Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars, but each loan was for Thirty-Two Dollars which was the first installment of ten per cent as agreed on. The "Texian Loan" document says "For the amount paid, land in Texas may be taken at FIFTY CENTS per acre," The "Texian Loan" documents were signed by S. F. Austin, B. T. Archer, and William H. Wharton and dated January 11, 1836.

It is not known for sure whether all that agreed to the loan ever put up their full amount. The "Texian Loan" documents for those agreeing to $5,000 are very scarce.

After the commission of Austin, Archer and Wharton returned to Texas some of the terms were questioned by the Congress so a contract for compromise was worked out on April 1, 1836. It was not until May 1, 1838 before it was approved by an act of Texas Congress.

After it was approved a certificate was issued for 640 acres of land to each for every $320 they had put up. These certificates were signed by Henry Smith, Secretary of State and Sam Houston, President and dated at Houston on June 20, 1838. These documents are very scarce Republic of Texas items.

The first Texian Loan land scrip is not shown or mentioned in Cris-

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JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

By MARY JANE WHYBORN
San Antonio, Texas
Youth Chairman

What a thrill it was to read the list of new applicants in the July issue of "TNA News!" There were 22 applications for membership, 18 of which were Juniors. I hope that all of you will still be members of TNA when you become adults. My sincere thanks again to the clubs who sponsored these young people.

I know there are many clubs that do not have Junior members nor do they particularly want them, and this is sad. There are many of us adults who wish that someone had started us collecting when we were youngsters. You will find that, if you let the Juniors take an active part in your club, they will contribute as much, or more time and effort than the adult members.

Have a Junior night at your club! Let them run the entire evening. You'll be surprised what a great job they'll do. Far too many of us underestimate the capabilities of these young people.

Hold a Junior auction sometime. The adult members can donate the auction lots, but let only the Junior members (or Juniors in attendance, even if they're not members) bid. You could even let a Junior member be the auctioneer.

Each year at the Alamo Coin Club we have a Christmas Party, and a pinata for the Juniors has become traditional at this party. The pinata is filled with both candy and coins. Each Junior is blindfolded and given one chance to break the pinata. What a mad scramble when it finally breaks and they all dive for the coins and candy!!

If you have a regular auction, you will find the Juniors enjoy acting as runners, that is, delivering lots to the successful bidders. Pay them a little for their effort -- say, fifty cents -- and they'll enjoy it even more. After all, even we adults like to feel that our efforts are appreciated.

You can conduct a numismatic quiz for the Juniors, have exhibit nights for Juniors only, or how about a Junior speaker once in a while. Have a treasure hunt or fix up a miniature treasure chest. Whoever comes closest to guessing the numismatic value of the contents of the chest, without ever seeing what's inside, gets to keep the coins, or whatever. Certainly some of you adults must have some very good ideas of your own; perhaps we could exchange our ideas.

The most important thing to keep in mind is: DON'T IGNORE THE YOUNGSTERS IN YOUR CLUB!! They hold the future of numismatics in their young hands. If you care about your hobby, then you must care about your young collectors.

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

CONGRATULATIONS!

– to Victoria Numismatic Association on being awarded Honorable Mention in Class C for National Coin Week. The chairman reported that competition was keen and choices difficult. Among 53 clubs submitting scrapbooks Victoria was one of the eleven to receive an award. Again Texas receives recognition for National Coin Week activities!

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As this is prepared your representatives are looking forward to the 79th Anniversary Convention of ANA in St. Louis, to the several meetings where ideas are exchanged, to forums where knowledgeable numismatists will share their wisdom, to the magnificent exhibits we've come to expect and have been reading about to the auction where anything can happen, to the bourse where there is something for everyone, to the social affairs, ball games, tours, etc., etc. but most of all to the greeting of old friends and the making of new ones.

As you read this, first reports will have been published and others will be coming along. Do watch for them and keep up with what's going on in your association.

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Did you catch that little "Idea Worth Stealing" on page 5 of the July **ANA Club Bulletin**? It really is worth stealing.

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This report is abbreviated by "Celia." Your rep is grateful to report that Mother and I fared better than most. We lost a couple of metal awnings, had windows in two bedrooms broken but only one bed got a wet spot, and tree and shrub damage. I've done more physical labor in five days than in any other week in my life, feel great and have a deep tan! Thank you for your concern.

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A NUMISMATIC PROFILE

Wife Margaret Ann and Daughter Susan Ellen must see very little of Lloyd Colvin of Amarillo these days, with all the activities which keep him busy around the clock and the calendar!

A native Texan, born in Vernon bred on red beans, corn bread, and good ol' fried chicken during the depression and dust-bowl days, Lloyd moved with his family to Amarillo for his schooling. Members of the National Thespian Honor Society, BOTC cadet captain, Lloyd attended Amarillo College and West Texas State University, went on the taxpayers' payroll for four years in the USAF.

For eleven years he's been collecting coins and currency, and quite an extensive numismatic library. His unusual collecting interest is The Philippines, particularly Japanese-Filipino guerrilla currency of WWII.

He must spend at least some time in his hobby shop which is his vocation, but he coaches softball for Kids, Inc., is a past president and then advisor of the Amarillo Youth Council, now president Tascosa Lions Club, member the Presidents Council president Wolflin Village Merchants Association, past prez Amarillo Coin Club and has general chairman'd the Amarillo Coin Show more than once, loves to fish and sometimes enters a fishing tournament but hasn't been lucky enough to teach Isaac Walton any new tricks.

In his spare time, Lloyd talks on numismatics to various civic groups in his area, works with the younger folks to teach the scholarly aspects of our hobby. Besides his membership in the Amarillo Coin Club, he also pays dues in Dalhart Coin Club, Dumas Coin Club, TNA, RCDA, and is an ANA life member. He also enjoys stamps, is a member of Amarillo Stamp Club, judges at many of the SOPLEX-HIPLEX events.

He hopes some day to complete a text on Filipino Guerrilla Notes or WWII but, in the meantime, he's shouldered the chore of general chairman of TNA-'71 in Amarillo.

And, somehow, he still finds time to get home regularly to 3300 Linda Street, Amarillo, Texas 79103, to Wife Margaret Ann and Daughter Susan Ellen!

FIRST TEXIAN—

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well's Confederate and Southern States Bond Book. Apparently he did not have access to one when he wrote the book.

This is the first of a series of Republic of Texas articles to be written.

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2134 (D-4) Maj. Charles W. Cole (Ret.) Box 3855 Austin, Tx. 78704, Type coins, Bob & Norma Boriskie.

2135 (D-6) Carl Fry, 1257 Blalock, Houston, 77055, 1 cent, 1 dollar, Wm. F. Yokum, R. H. Schweers.

ADDRESS CHANGES

2095 (D-5) Fred M. Talkington, 7606 Village Trail, Dallas, Tx. 75240.

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June 14th, 1970
Wichita Falls, Texas

Dear Friends:

I was very thrilled to read the reports from the officers and read on page 16 that Mary Earwood, our historian, could mention the Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club in sending in the news that I do each month. I have not seen the scrap-book but I hear thru the grape vine that we do have a showing in there - due to my effort. Thanks much - it's my pleasure to serve my club in this capacity. I remember how Ruby Therlkeld, used to plead for the clubs to send in their news and clippings, etc. I know if I can do it - others can too. Come on clubs! Make Mary's job more interesting so she can be proud of her job too. Anything worth while takes a few moments of your time, and will make such an impression when others do see what the clubs do in a year. Don't let our historian down. Start now. I challenge you

P.S. I plan and hope that I get to see the scrapbook next year in Amarillo!

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SEPTEMBER 20

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB 3rd annual coin show. Student Center building Bee County College. Bourse: Charles T. Galloway, Box 209, Beeville 78102.

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SEPTEMBER 27

PORT ISABEL COIN CLUB. Sea Island Motel. Details Later.

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SEPTEMBER 26-27

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB annual Wildcat Show. Nolan County Coliseum, Sweetwater. Write: Mrs. Mabel Cunningham, Box 777, Sweetwater 79556

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OCTOBER 3-4

ODESSA COIN CLUB, 10th annual show, Exhibit Hall A, Ector County Coliseum. R. W. Umstot, general chairman, 1122 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79760.

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OCTOBER 3-4

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, Fall show, Amarillo Civic Center. Gen Chrmn.: Lloyd Colvin, Box 321, Amarillo 79105.

OCTOBER 3-4

KINGSVILLE COIN CLUB hobby show, Kingsville Holiday Inn. Contact Dick Aaron, 335 S. 24th, Kingsville 78363.

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OCTOBER 10-11

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, 9th annual show, Green Oaks Motor Inn. Bourse: Lee Medley, Box 7167, Fort Worth 76111.

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OCTOBER 24-25

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, 1st annual CavOILcade hobby show, O.C.A.W. Hall, Bourse Chairman: D. W. Bruitt, 1401 7th St. Port Arthur, Texas 77764.

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OCT. 31-NOV.1

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, 9th annual show, Memorial Coliseum, Corpus Christi. Gen. Chrmn.: W. R. Robbins, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.

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NOVEMBER 7-8

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NOVEMBER 14-15

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT THREE:

For the past few months **Nolan County Coin Club** of Sweetwater has been working on changing the club's constitution and by-laws bringing them up to date and making several changes. At the July meeting held at Texas Bank building, members voted to accept the revised edition. Members also voted to sponsor and pay the dues of their eight junior members in TNA.

Also in July, a joint meeting of **Key City Coin Club, San Angelo Coin Club, Big Spring Coin Club** and **Nolan County** was planned at Nolan County Coliseum. —James W. Williams, Sec.

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At the July meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club** with 22 present, the 1970-71 budget was presented and accepted by members. The meeting was held at Town House Motor Hotel.

President Morris Isabel presented a program on "Coins of Old," relating stories of old coin finds and quoting prices by Max Mehl in 1903.

Exhibits were displayed by Mrs. Lerah Talley, Mrs. John B. Gochenaur and Ellis Brooks. —Lynn Langston,

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A joint meeting of **Nolan County Coin Club, Key City Coin Club, San Angelo Coin Club** was held July 19 at the Coliseum in Sweetwater. Walter Hamilton welcomed the visitors.

Fred Clark presided over the business and Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. Cunningham served as hostesses.

A committee was appointed to prepare for the annual meeting to be held each July. The next meeting to be at Sweetwater in 1971.

Morris Isbell presented the motion that the district present a trophy to the club with the largest number in attendance, with San Angelo donating the trophy. Any club receiving the trophy three consecutive years to retain permanent possession thereafter. —**Fay Cross, Acting Sec.**

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Big Spring Coin Club met in July with 16 members and one guest at the Settles Hotel ballroom.

Club members discussed the Fall coin show to be held September 20 at Settles Hotel. Fred Clark told the club TNA is taking orders for a book to be published this Fall with best articles of TNA. He took orders for some.

Charley Wasson gave the program on "Club Attendance" urging all to put out more effort and encourage others to attend meetings more regularly. —**Mrs. Dwain Leonard TNA Reporter.**

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At a recent meeting of **Spanish Trails Coin Club** of Fort Stockton members discussed various things pertaining to coins with some trading going on. Nine members were present.

The club meets at Pecos County State Bank building. —**Bob Lee, Sec.**

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Buz Sawyer presented a program on "American Money" at the July meeting of **Key City Coin Club** of Abilene with 19 in attendance. The article gave the early history of American coinage, also some of the reasons each piece was minted. He told how proof coins were struck and what makes them more valuable than ordinary coins. He also gave some advice, "If you are interested in collecting coins for fun, or for profit, get some books to study and join a club."

Committees were appointed to conduct the Fall coin show: Mrs. Barney V. Cross, general chairman; John W. P'Pool, co-chairman, Barney V. Cross, bourse, Buster Caudle, co-chairman, Buz Sawyer, publicity; Henry Cole, senior exhibit chairman; Mike Cole, Jr., junior exhibits; Mrs. J. H. Hendricks and Mrs. Ima Cotton Jennings, hospitality; and security Charles E. Roberts. —**John W. P'Pool, TNA Rep.**

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DISTRICT FIVE:

The Professional Numismatists Guild announces its first annual show south of Chicago, sponsored by the **Dallas Coin Club.** It will be held in the Terrace Room, Baker Hotel, Dallas on October 29-31.

The U.S. Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing is bringing to Dallas almost a billion dollars of currency to exhibit at the show.

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The following officers have been elected by the reorganized **Texoma-land Coin and Stamp Club** Denison-Sherman, to serve until January 1, 1971. Charles A. Wingo, president, Robert Clifton, vice president, M. C. Beesley, secretary, John Meggenson treasurer. The club is now meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Silver Wings Club, Perrin Air Force Base and on the fourth Friday at the Denison Chamber of Commerce.

At a recent meeting, Bob Clifton

displayed Texas and military tokens from his large token collection. A feature article about Bob and his tokens was recently included in one of the local newspapers. —**Charles A. Wingo, TNA Rep.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

The regular meeting on July 28 of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was held at Nessler Civic Center. The program was a show and tell with each member present participating.

Included in the talks were type coins of the U.S., by M. C. Akers; Medals from George Wallace political campaign, Caroline Akers; collecting aluminum cold drink cans, Melanie Nessler; Space medals, Christine Richardson, Wooden nickels from 90 different Sambo Restaurants and how they were started, Ruby Threlkeld; books on Mexican coinage, Carl Nessler, Jr., and new coins from Belgium and Great Britain, Don Stolenberg.

Planned for the August meeting was a covered dish supper and entertainment. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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La Marque Coin Club has had the majority of their membership present at all meetings and good programs.

The program for July 2 was given by J. C. Akey. His subject was "Money, Money Everywhere." He had a display of U. S. and foreign coins and currency and many other things used for money in other countries. For instance - salt and soap are used as money, also tea, bone, shells and teeth."

On July 16 the club had a show and tell program. Included were the story of the Buffalo nickel, Tony Caso; a tour of the Lead gold mine in Custer, S.D., Mrs. Charles Leh-

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namm. She had a sample of the coin with streaks of gold in it. Hugh Threlkeld talked on the Threlkeld genealogy from 1066 to the present date, starting in England. Mrs. Lou Allen showed her collection of bells from India and gave the story of each and its use. Dick Diener, brought two of her pets to show, snakes, one poisonous and one non-poisonous. Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld showed her Hacienda token from Mexico, and told of its use many years ago. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

It was "surprise" night at the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio on July 14, for two of its members, anyway. Ray and Mary Jane Whyborn were each presented with a lifetime membership in appreciation of their service to the club. Ray was also given a plaque made in the shape of the State of Texas. Ray served the club as president from May 1967 through April 1970. Mary Jane was club secretary from August 1967 through April 1970. During Ray's first year as president, the club grew from 12 to over 100 paid up members. Alamo has been the largest and most active club in District 7 ever since.

Club members planned this surprise during a June meeting when the Whyborns were vacationing in California. —**John Holds, Sec.**

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

The **Harlingen Coin Club** met July 6 with 29 members and 4 guests present. The meeting was at First National Bank.

The eighth annual coin show has been set for November 7-8 at Richard's Gold Room, Sun Valley Motor Hotel. Bourse chairman is Hicks

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Seventeen members and guests of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** enjoyed a show and tell program at Gulfway National Bank.

On July 27 four new members were among the 23 who heard Joe B. Davis report on "The Maximilian Treasure" which he said is still cloaked in mystery to some extent although the crown jewels were entrusted to a Mexican family who returned them to Austria. He used maps to illustrate his talk and alluded to various tales about the treasure. —**Norman Mather, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT NINE:

New officers have been elected for **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield. They include Larry Sanderson, president; E. G. Alexander, vice president; Hazel Sharp, secretary; Gaile Mills treasurer; Ernest Mills, auctioneer; Macdell Simmons, historian.

Also Lelia Alexander and Edwena Clark, refreshments; and Chas. Barrett, publicity.

The club voted to pay $30.00 expense money for the TNA governor to attend TNA board meetings. —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock met in July at Garden & Arts Center with 38 in attendance. Molly Dial reported she had contacted newspaper and radio stations for announcing club meetings.

Don Henderson gave a report on library books and C. L. Grimm donated a book to the club for the library. —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

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C. L. Grimm presented a slide set on Colonial coins. —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT ELEVEN:

The **Amarillo Coin Club** now has a paid up membership of 120 and is still growing. The meetings are well attended with a good program. Members are looking forward to the best show ever held in Amarillo on October 3-4.

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NIT Coin Club of Dalhart and **Top of Texas** at Pampa had very well attended meetings and expect to improve as the weather gets cooler. Interest in coins and collecting of same is picking up in District 11, the Panhandle of Texas. —**Joseph C. Dooley, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Voyle N. Armstrong, stamp editor of the Wichita Falls newspapers, presented the July program for **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club.** He gave a program on "Our National Parks on Stamps."

Armstrong displayed 10 sheets of National Parks stamps; Jay O. Henson displayed a silver medal of the Apollo 11; and Wm. Rust, Sr., exhibited the Count of Honor award plaque received from TNA for his collection of odd and curious money he took to the convention recently held in Houston. —**Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.**

BRACTEATES

The story of bracteates forms an interesting chapter in the saga of man's search for more satisfactory media of exchange. To begin with the word "bracteate" comes from the Latin "bractea," meaning a thin plate of metal. The first bracteates - from Sweden - were circular pendants of gold in imitation of Roman medallions of the time of Constantine.

These thin uniface disks can be traced back to the Viking era, when they were thought to be effective amulets and were used as tokens or, when strung together, as jewelry. In the fifth century, the local Swedish style superseded imitation of Roman examples. In later times, any coins imitated usually were Anglo-Saxon sceattas.

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That Texas and Louisiana exhibitors quickly have mastered the TNA judges' scoring sheet (patterned almost entirely after the ANA scoring sheet first used in the 1966 ANA) is evidenced by the closeness of the scores earned by most of the fifty exhibitors.

Following best-in-show's 95 points, "Outstanding Awards" were won by Charlotte Nichols with two exhibits scoring 90 and 87 points, Daisy Jackson with 87 points, and Wilson Baker 86 points. "Superior Awards" went to H. R. Peppard, Virgil Jackson, and Charles Robert Brundle, each with 85 points, and to Jack Morgan 83 points and to Helen Floerke with 82 points. "Meritorious Awards" were won by Doris Martin and Stanford M. Kennady, each with 78 points, Bob Robbins 77 points, H. R. Peppard and Karen Warren each 76 points. Below those were bunched scores of 75, 74, 74, 74, 73, 73, 72, 69, 68, etc.

Award for Best Club Exhibit, a co-operative display, went to Greater Houston Coin Club. Neil Nichols of Houston won Best Junior award, Stanford "Mac" Kennady of Austin won the Harvey Bruns Award for best exhibit of Mexico's coinage. The Frank O'Sullivan Award went to the best display of "Classical Numismatics" of Wilson Baker of Fort Worth.

Highlights of TNA 1970 were the displays of Banco de Mexico and of Svenska Handelsbanken, the latter through the courtesy of Houston's Royal Consulate General of Sweden. With the Swedish exhibit was a collection of Sweden's copper plate money. The banco de Mexico's fantastic exhibit of nearly 1,000 select specimens from its museum of 20,000 coins was housed in eight huge brass cases totaling 40 feet of table space. Bank commissioners Rodolfo Lopez Garcia and Jose Manuel Sobrino brought the Bank's display to Houston. Along with other non-competitive exhibitors, Banco de Mexico and the Royal Consulate General of Sweden received the "Court of Honor" award.

Judging, as in TNA's past two conventions, was done with a single judge scoring every exhibit on "numismatic information" and every display being scored on "originality and arrangement" by a different single judge. Then, for "completeness, condition, material exhibited" a specialist was the judge for each specialty. A specialist in Mexico's coinage scored the Mexican displays, a specialist in "ancients" scored the "classical numismatics" displays, and so on.

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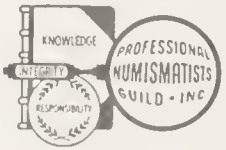
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